



**NEWS
AROUND
THE
NEIGHBORHOOD**

June, 2010

We're off and running again!

One of the sure signs that Spring has arrived has been an increase in the number of landscaping requests. Our ARC committee has been busy with requests, a sure sign that our homeowners are looking to beautify their homes. The other is the scheduling of the painting and sealing of the driveways. The driveway coating will be started early this year.

The fertilization program this year includes the trees and the evergreen pines on the perimeter of our neighborhood, a chore that had been long overdue. In addition to the bush trimming, the landscaping beds should be replenished with cedar mulch beginning the week of June 14, 2010. If you added any additional landscaping and would like new mulch, you can contact Todd at Mastercut (708-878-1831) or purchase your own. **You must use natural color shredded cedar mulch.** Any other mulch is a violation and will need to be removed and replaced with natural color shredded cedar mulch.

Regarding the bushes in the front landscaping, if you choose to trim your own, please let Peter Bylen know (pbylen@1stpropertymanagers.com or 219-464-3536, ext. 310) **no later than**

June 9, 2010. The Association is not responsible for trimming of landscape beds added to the sides or rear of homes, or for plants planted privately in the front landscape bed. This does not guarantee that a privately planted item will not be trimmed. It is the homeowner's responsibility to notify Peter of *any* items that should not be trimmed in the front landscaping.

The Landscaping Committee has been very busy developing a landscaping plan for the waterfall area which they are eager to implement. Our Social Committee is also busy gathering input from our neighborhood through a questionnaire enclosed, so please return your questionnaires, it will provide needed input. Timely feedback is a vital element of success in any organization. And finally, we're pleased that our financial health continues to improve under the watchful eye of the finance committee.

Now here's what's going on in the neighborhood:

Driveway Resealing

The Driveway resealing project for 2010 will begin the week of May 31, 2010.

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Attached is the schedule, which is subject to change due to weather conditions and/or unforeseen situations. This year a schedule of 16-20 driveways per day is being used to allow for a quicker recovery should a delay occur.

As was the case last year, the contractor will place a flyer in your mail box the night prior to your driveway being resealed. **PLEASE REMOVE YOUR CAR(S) FROM THE GARAGE AND PARK ON THE STREET ON YOUR SCHEDULED RESEALING DATE.**

No driveways will be done on Fridays due to mowing, and the irrigation system may have to be turned off on some days during the resealing project.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Painting of Homes

Phase Two of the painting project is set to start May 24. As you may remember from last year, with the exception of the models, the closing date of the unit was used to determine the order in which the homes will be painted. You will be receiving a letter from 1st American if your home is in the second phase. The painting will start at Ludington Lane, move to Pentwater Lane, then proceed to Charlevoix Way, they then go to Grand Haven Way, and finish off on Mackinaw Place (this route is subject to change by the painting contractor). Weather permitting, and if sufficient funds are available, an additional five units may be painted this year.

The work will consist of painting of the exterior cedar, including cedar in the rear of the homes. Mailboxes, shutters (front shutters only), caulking and the white door trim are included. Screen doors must be left unlocked to enable the painter to paint the white trim around the door frame. If you would like your front door painted, please let the painting contractor know, or notify Peter Bylen. If you choose to have your front door painted, you must be present, as the door must be left open for at least several hours to allow it to dry. If you cannot be home when your front door is painted, you should make arrangements with a trusted friend or neighbor to be there for you. The contractor cannot warranty the work unless the door is given sufficient time to dry. You need not be home for the painting contractor to paint your exterior, but it would be helpful to remove any hanging plants/flowers on or near the surfaces to be painted. Your help will facilitate the painting process.

The painting contractor will also move the address numbers from over the door to above the garage. Your irrigation system may be temporarily turned off while the contractor is painting your unit. Please exercise care while the contractor is in our neighborhood, including extra care while the contractor is painting your unit. This is a large project and please keep in mind that our normal maintenance, lawn mowing, fertilization, etc., will continue during the painting.

The cost for the above work is already included in your monthly assessment.

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Rule Changes

Political Signs. On July 1, 2010, an Indiana State statute becomes effective that will override any provisions that might be in our governing documents that prohibit political signs. In an effort to be in compliance with the new State statute, the Board of Directors has approved new language for Exhibit D, Rules and Regulations, paragraph 4. The resolution will provide guidelines that are in compliance with the State of Indiana statute. Responsibility and cost of damaged irrigation lines using approved or unapproved signs lies with the homeowner. All repairs are at the expense of homeowner. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Parking on Driveways. In an effort to align Briar Cove with the Town of Schererville and the Town of Dyer, the Board of Directors has approved new language for Exhibit D, Rules and Regulations, paragraph 5. The Resolution will provide guidelines on parking campers, boats, etc. on the driveways. A copy of the resolution is attached. Please check the Schererville/Dyer Town ordinances for on-street parking of these types of vehicles. The Town of Dyer offers their ordinances on the Internet.

Waterfall

PLEASE do not allow children to play on the rocks in and around the waterfall area. They can be slippery and can move under your feet causing one to fall. There are some beautiful parks in Schererville, Dyer and Munster that

have facilities to climb and play without danger of injuries.

Dogs

A big thank you to all who walk and pickup after their dogs. However, it would be greatly appreciated if you would confine the dog-walking area to the parkway next to the street, not in the front yard of homes.

Unfortunately keeping your dogs on a leash must be mentioned yet again. When your dog is out of your home the dog must be under the control of a competent person, restrained by a chain, leash or other means of adequate physical control for the safety of others. There was an incident recently where a big dog was not on a leash and went after two small dogs on leashes. The big dog just wanted to play, but the person walking the dogs didn't know that. There was another incident where a little dog was chasing a car and the driver only heard the dog, she didn't see it. No matter how cute or friendly your dog is, it must be kept on a leash at all times when it is outside.

Solicitors

All solicitors MUST have a permit to solicit in Dyer and Schererville. On occasion we have been approached by solicitors who have no Schererville or Dyer permits to sell their wares. Please call the respective Police Department when the solicitors cannot produce a permit (Dyer Police-865-1163; Schererville Police-322-5000). You will help the neighborhood in general and

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especially neighbors who have a difficult time getting to the door.

Bird Feeders

Please don't feed the wildlife by broadcasting food - scattering seed or food on the ground. Only use appropriate bird feeders as anything else invites undesirable vermin. The feeding of geese not only encourages them to return but to nest in our community. The feeding of geese is one of the major reasons why geese are attracted to certain areas. Feeding also increases the susceptibility to avian diseases.

Website and Newsletter Committee

This fun Committee is looking for a second member who is computer literate and can spare 1-2 hours each month. You do not need any experience developing Websites nor do you need to know any kind of computer programming or html. The interface is template-driven and fairly easy. There are occasional updates (monthly budget summaries, newsletters, alerts, etc.) and a new page is occasionally added. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested (even if you would just like to see what is involved before you make a decision), please contact Denise at tallsweetdee@yahoo.com.

www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com

BRIAR COVE DRIVEWAY RESEALING PROJECT 2010

JUNE 1 (18 drives-Grand Haven Way and Charlevoix Way)

<u>Grand Haven Way</u>				<u>Charlevoix Way</u>	
808	816	824	832	1368	
810	818	825	834	1370	
811	819	826	840		
813	821	827	842		

JUNE 2 (18 Drives-Charlevoix Way)

<u>Charlevoix Way</u>					
1337	1340	1349	1358	1367	1379
1338	1347	1350	1359	1369	1387
1339	1348	1357	1360	1377	1389

JUNE 3 (18 Drives-Charlevoix Way)

<u>Charlevoix Way</u>					
814	823	1307	1310	1319	1328
816	1303	1308	1317	1320	1329
821	1305	1309	1318	1327	1330

JUNE 7 (20 Drives-Charlevoix Way, Mackinaw Place and Traverse City Court)

<u>Charlevoix Way</u>		<u>Mackinaw Place</u>		<u>Traverse City Court</u>	
809	815	1301	1319	1343	1355
811	817	1303	1321	1345	1357
		1309	1337	1349	1359
		1311	1339	1351	1361

JUNE 8 (18 Drives-Mackinaw Place)

<u>Mackinaw Place</u>					
1257	1260	1270	1280	1298	1310
1258	1268	1271	1288	1300	1318
1259	1269	1278	1290	1308	1320

JUNE 9 (16 Drives-Mackinaw Place)

<u>Mackinaw Place</u>							
1328	1338	1348	1358	1368	1378	1388	1398
1330	1340	1350	1360	1370	1380	1390	1400

**Briar Cove
Social Committee
Questionnaire**

Everyone knows about the Briar Cove Garage Sale and Ice Cream Social on August 21, 2010, and the Christmas Party in December (date to be determined). There is a Book Club and there are several Dinner Groups. We are open to suggestions for other social events in order to get to know others in our subdivision.

The social committee has bounced around the idea of a sub division block party this summer. All ideas and comments would be appreciated. If we pursue this type of event, would you.....

(please circle one)

Consider attending?	YES	NO
Like to help with planning?	YES	NO
Rather have small groups rather than the entire sub division?	YES	NO

Please return this questionnaire (whether it's a "yes" or "no") to Cheryl at the address below or send an e-mail to the Social Committee at briarcovesocial@gmail.com with your response. We appreciate your input. If you have any other ideas, please let us know.

Contact Information:

Cheryl Warshaw
1475 Pentwater Lane
219-322-9082
acunique2@att.net

P.S. The April 2010 directory has been sent to everyone with email. If you do not have email, please call me so I can get a copy to you. If you have not given me authorization to put your name in the directory, you will not receive one. If you would like to be added to the directory, please give me a call and it will be added to the next update.

Insert Parking and Political Sign Resolutions here